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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
0094.050

In Re Application Of: SIEGEL et al.

Serial No. 09/976,352	Filing Date October 21, 2001	Examiner Helene G. Klemanski	Group Art Unit 1755
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Invention: GELATIN NANOCOMPOSITES

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 11/10/2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: February 10, 2004 *Date* until: April 10, 2004 *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	22 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	3 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$210.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$210.00

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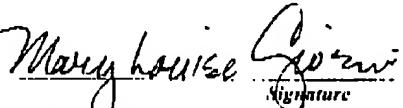
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-1935



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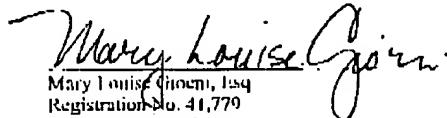
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OFFICIAL**Serial No.:** 09/976,252**Group Art Unit:** 1755**Filed:** October 12, 2001**Examiner:** Helene G. Klemanski**Title:** GELATIN NANOCOMPOSITES**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 10, 2004, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expired on February 10, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed along with a petition for a two-month extension of time and the corresponding extension of time fee in the amount of \$210.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge PTO Deposit Account No. 08-1935 in the amount of \$210.00 for the extension of time fee in this matter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.